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2. FACILITIES AND INSTRUMENTATION.

2.1 Facilities.

This section of the TOP is intended to detail unique facilities that are required to execute the test procedure. Typical facility requirements are test courses, target definitions, grid boards, collimators, pitch/cant racks, climatic chamber, firing ranges, communication networks, observation equipment, etc. Facility descriptions are generally functional, with any detailed requirements being defined in the body or appendix of the document.

2.2 Instrumentation.

This section of the TOP is intended to detail instrumentation required to meet the data requirements shown in paragraph 5 of the test procedure. Instrumentation requirements are listed as a 'DEVICE FOR' measuring and a 'PERMISSIBLE ERROR OF MEASUREMENT'.

The 'DEVICE FOR' measuring is intended to describe the data required and not the specific instrumentation to be used. A typical entry is a 'DEVICE FOR' measuring vehicle roll (cant). The specific piece of instrumentation may be a gunner's quadrant, an inclinometer, or a gyroscope.

The specific instrumentation used must meet the 'PERMISSIBLE ERROR OF MEASUREMENT' as defined in this paragraph of each document. A numerical 'PERMISSIBLE ERROR OF MEASUREMENT' will be defined for each required measurement. The 'PERMISSIBLE ERROR OF MEASUREMENT' is typically defined in statistical terms as the two standard deviation values for normally distributed instrumentation calibration data. Thus, 95 percent of all instrumentation calibration readings will fall within two standard deviations from the known calibration value.

3. REQUIRED TEST CONDITIONS.

This section of the TOP is intended to detail those conditions that must be met prior to test initiation. The required test conditions may pertain to safety, instrumentation, facilities, or the system under test. The required test conditions are intended to ensure safe test execution, the test item is operational in accordance with prescribed procedures, and the test facilities and instrumentation do not have an unintended effect on the test results.

4. TEST PROCEDURES.

This section of the TOP is intended to detail procedures required to execute the test. Procedures may detail the choice of test course, installation of instrumentation, and the number of trials to be executed.

If the procedures used to execute the test differ from those shown in the TOP, an explanation as to why the procedures were not followed and a full description of the procedures used will be required. The tester is not limited by the procedures shown in the TOP. The tester may conduct other tests/trials, in addition to those in the TOP to fully assess the combat vehicle fire control system. Any additional data collected shall be in accordance with the TOP to the extent possible.

The family of combat vehicle fire control test procedures has been split into two subsets: component and system level tests. These subsets have been further divided into smaller groups of tests. A block diagram is presented in Appendix A showing the organization and relationship of the family of combat vehicle fire control system test procedures.

5 DATA REQUIRED.

This section of the TOP is intended to describe the data required based on the purpose of the TOP as stated in Scope. These data are to be used to assess the performance of the combat vehicle fire control system. Some data requirements can be cross-referenced to a measurement in the Facilities and Instrumentation section. Data required will also include administrative data, test inputs, and calibration data.

6. PRESENTATION OF DATA.

This section of the TOP is intended to describe what data are to be presented and how those data are to be presented. This section may include data reduction techniques and an assessment of system performance. Typical data presentations are tabular, or graphical. Reduced data will also be presented in this section of the TOP. The use of a data reduction technique not supplied in the TOP is acceptable if the methodology is fully documented in the test report.

APPENDIX A. BLOCK-DIAGRAM

Test Operations Procedures (TOP's) for Combat Vehicle Fire Control Tests

Definitions:

Component:

Component testing is possible in the laboratory or as an integrated part of the fire control system. It is important during integrated component testing that you concentrate on the component's functional performance and its characteristics and not on its performance with other components of the system.

System:

A system test is testing conducted on a complete system or on subsystems comprised of integrated components to be evaluated.

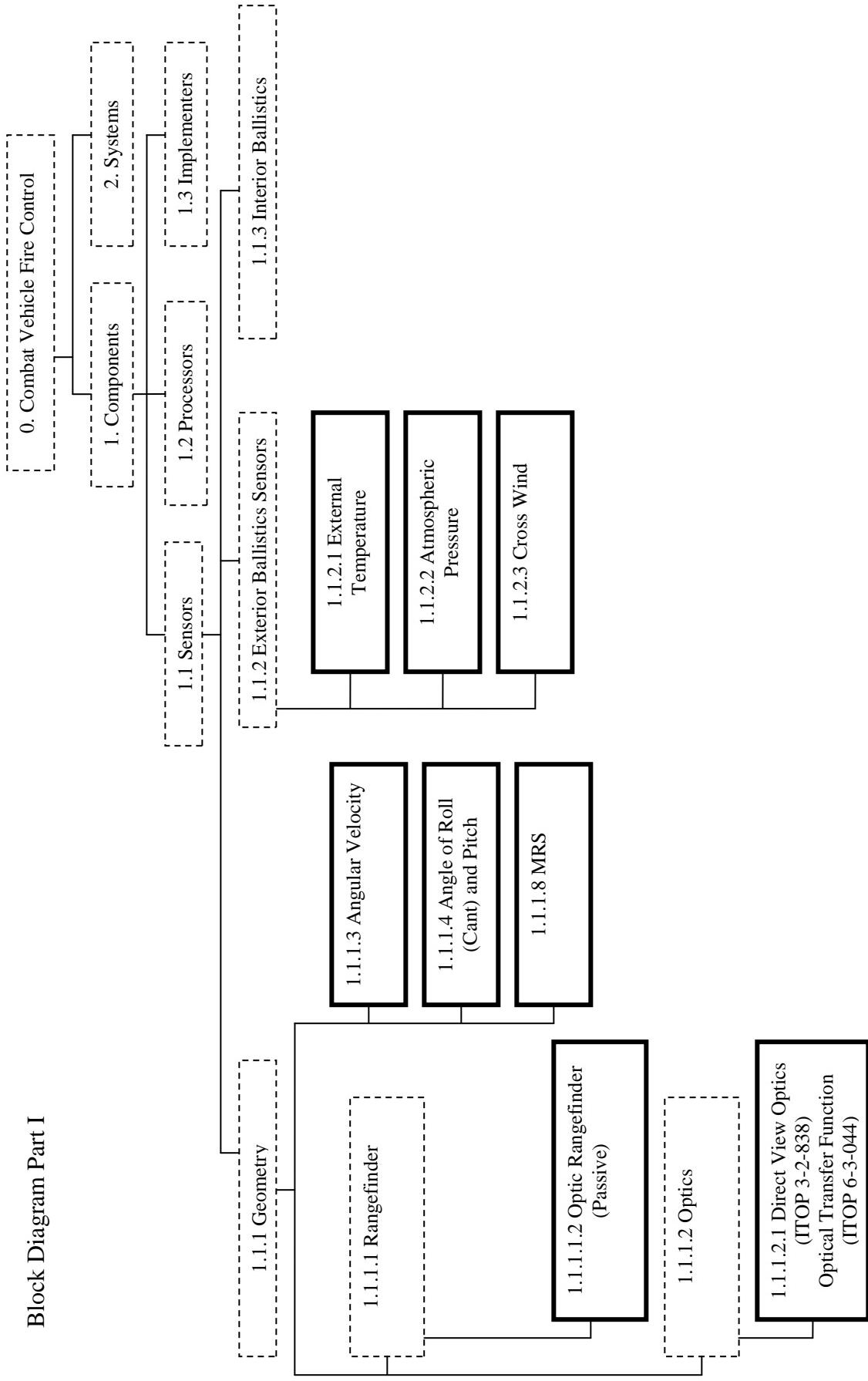
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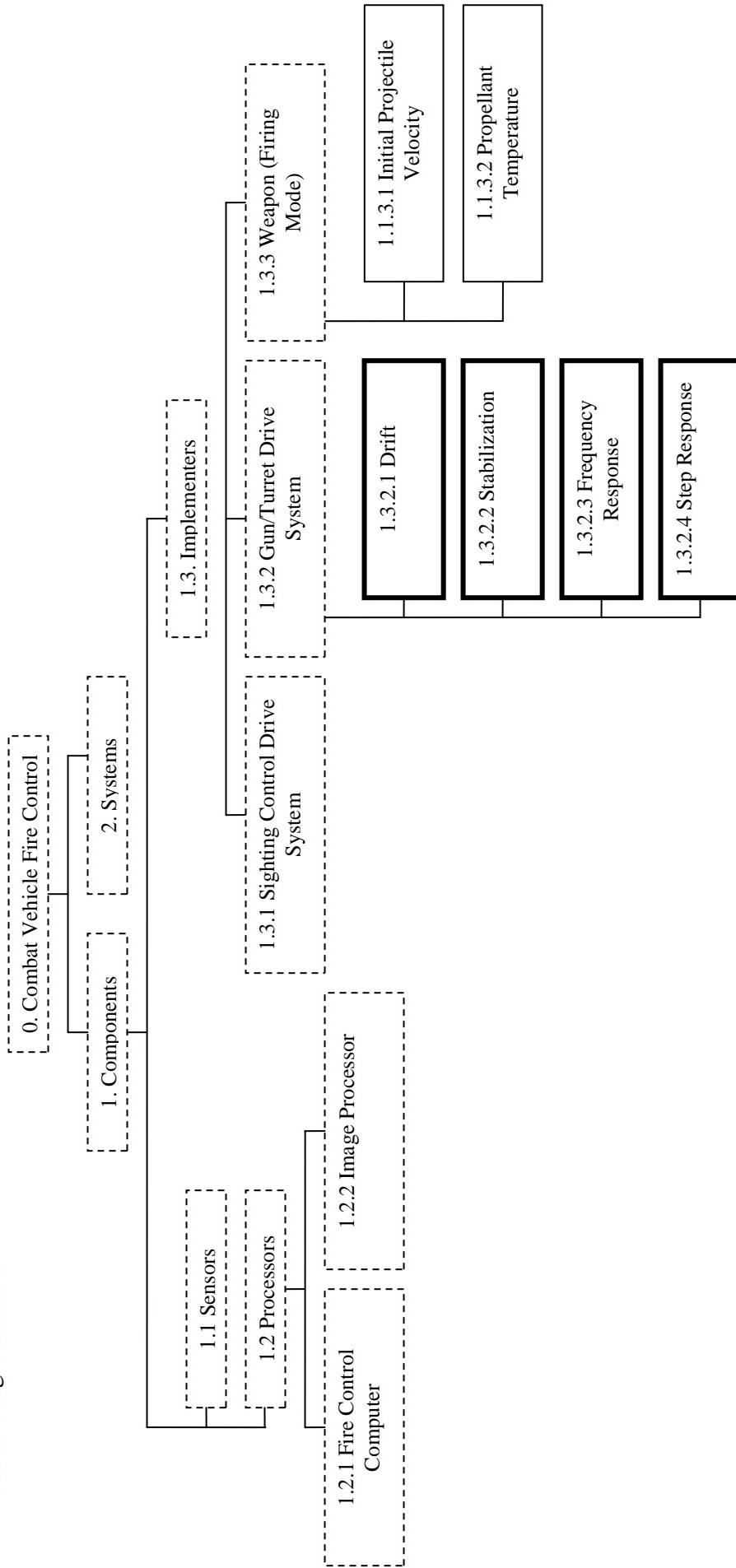
Firing Configurations:

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| S-S | Standing Tank-Standing Target |
| S-M | Standing Tank-Moving Target |
| M-S | Moving Tank-Standing Target |
| M-M | Moving Tank-Moving Target |

Block Diagram Part I

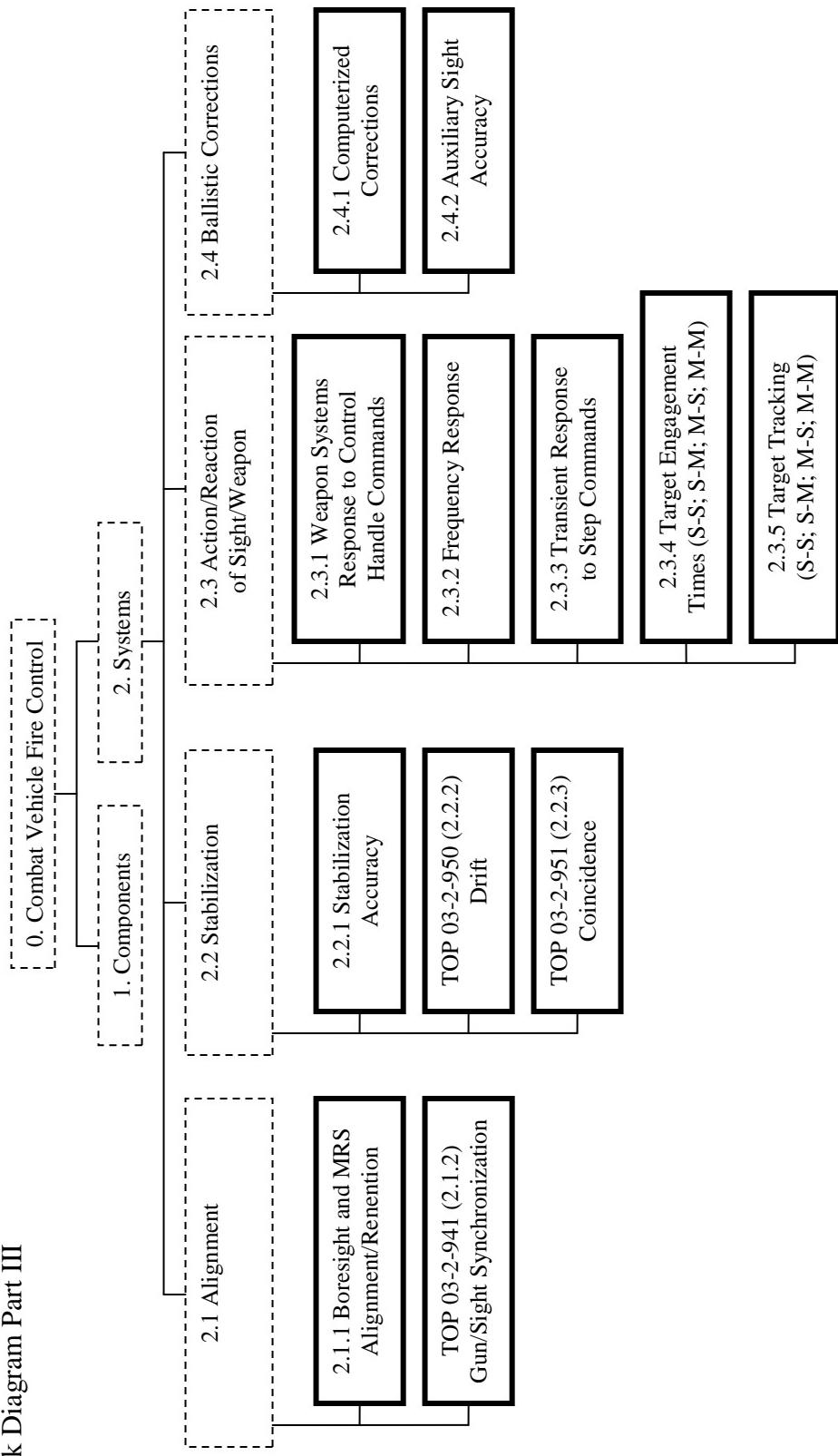


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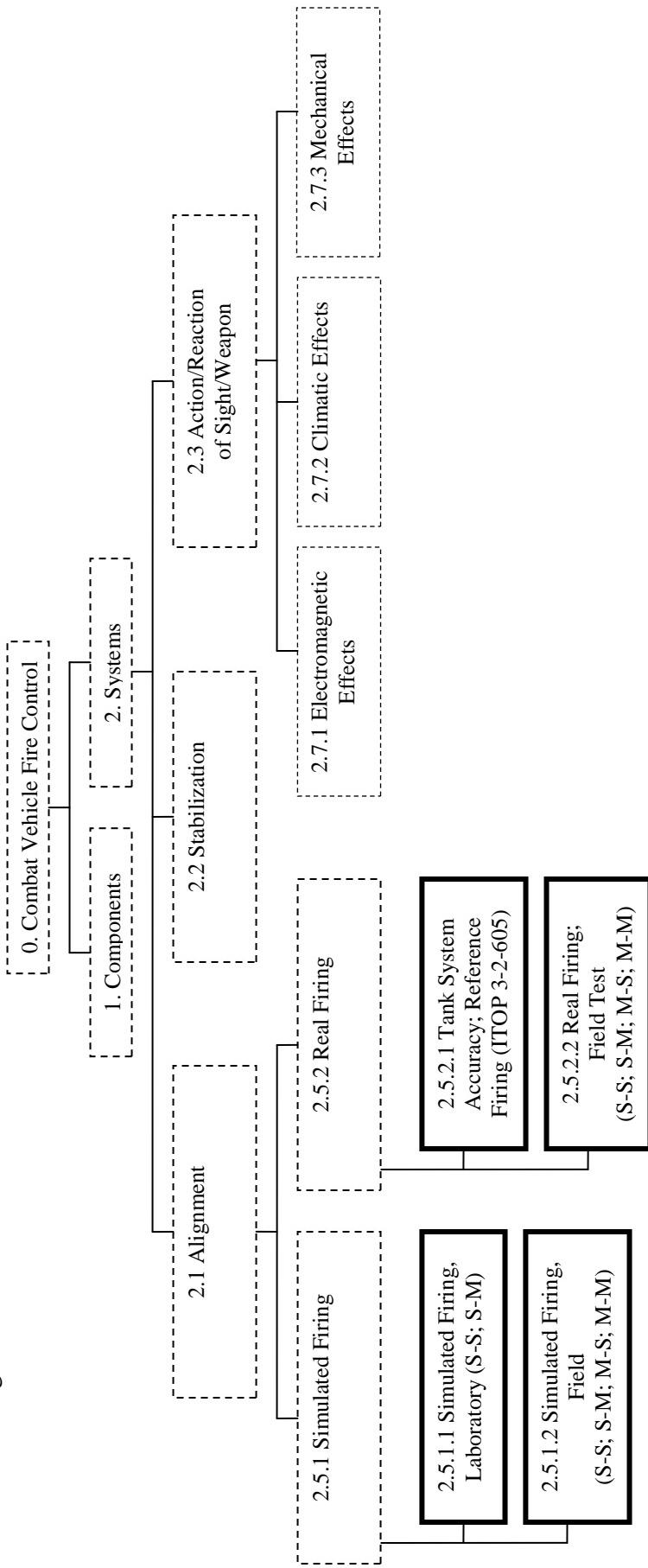


Block Diagram Part III

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Block Diagram Part IV



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